

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing &amp; Date Posted: HB 158 &amp; HB 157, 1/4/2017

**HEARING ON HB 158****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:21 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 158, Revise commercial fertilizer assessment laws.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:39:01 Michelle Erickson Jones, Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:43:14 Andy Gray, Montana Department of Agriculture, (MDA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:56 Rep. Curdy  
00:46:44 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:47:51 Rep. Curdy  
00:47:59 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:49:14 Rep. Fleming  
00:49:36 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:49:53 Rep. Fleming  
00:50:04 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:50:47 Rep. Fleming  
00:51:19 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:53:47 Rep McKamey  
00:54:03 Rep. Harris  
00:54:28 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:55:17 Rep. Lenz  
00:55:39 Andy Gray, MDA  
00:56:26 Rep. Sales  
00:56:56 Rep. Cook  
00:57:35 Rep. Sales  
00:57:52 Jason Mohr, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:26 Rep. Cook

**HEARING ON HB 157****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:30 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 157, Removing restrictions on possession of domestically-bred foxes.

00:02:25 Rep. Funk joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:30 Karen, Radzykewyzz, Self  
00:06:40 Ross Radzykewyzz, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:35 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn

**EXHIBIT(agh09a01)****Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:34 Rep. McKamey  
 00:12:13 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:12:34 Vice Chair Pierson  
 00:13:19 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn  
 00:13:56 Rep. Ricci  
 00:14:23 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:14:54 Rep. Ricci  
 00:15:09 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:15:33 Rep. Ricci  
 00:15:49 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:16:16 Vice Chair Staffanson  
 00:16:50 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:17:30 Vice Chair Staffanson  
 00:17:46 Rep. Bachmeier  
 00:18:13 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn  
 00:19:08 Rep. Bachmeier  
 00:19:27 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn  
 00:19:50 Rep. Curdy  
 00:20:27 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn  
 00:21:54 Rep. Hamilton  
 00:22:19 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:23:05 Rep. Hamilton  
 00:23:45 Ross Radzykewyzz

**EXHIBIT(agh09a02)**

00:25:47 Rep. Harris  
 00:27:13 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:27:43 Rep. Harris  
 00:27:58 Rep. Mandeville  
 00:28:05 Rep. Curdy  
 00:28:41 Zalvski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)  
 00:29:13 Rep. McKamey  
 00:29:31 Zalski, MDOL  
 00:30:13 Rep. McKamey  
 00:30:30 Zalvski, MDOL  
 00:31:13 Rep. Pierson  
 00:31:26 Zalvski, MDOL  
 00:31:53 Rep. Pierson  
 00:32:04 Dan Roper, Montana Autobahn  
 00:32:19 Rep. Pierson  
 00:32:37 Zalvski, MDOL  
 00:32:48 Chair Redfield  
 00:32:54 John Mohr, LSD  
 00:33:17 Rep. Harris  
 00:33:59 Zalvski, MDOL

00:34:22 Vice Chair Staffanson  
00:34:57 Zalvski, MDOL

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:29 Rep. Mandeville

00:59:05 Rep. Olsen  
00:59:20 Chair Redfield

01:00:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 130 DO PASS**. Motion carried  
unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 131 DO PASS**. Motion carried  
unanimously by voice vote.

01:01:10 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:01:35

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh09aad.pdf](#))**